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SENATE BILL 34

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HEALTH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Department of Health Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HEALTH. --

A. The department, in conjunction with the New Mexico health policy commission and other state agencies, pursuant to Section 9-7-11.1 NMSA 1978, shall develop a comprehensive strategic plan for health that emphasizes prevention, personal responsibility, access and quality.

B. The department shall publish the comprehensive strategic plan for health by July 1, 2004 and July 1 of

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1 subsequent even-numbered years. By July 1 of odd-numbered  
2 years, the department shall review and update or amend the plan  
3 in response to changes and developments.

4 C. The department shall include the legislature,  
5 health care providers, consumer and patient advocates, health  
6 care financing organizations and other stakeholders in its  
7 development of the comprehensive strategic plan for health so  
8 as to give geographic representation to all areas of the state.  
9 The department shall ensure that public participation and  
10 public input are integrated into the planning process. The  
11 department shall convene regional meetings on the proposed plan  
12 to allow public review and comment including oral and written  
13 testimony, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

14 D. The department shall consult with the  
15 governments of Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located  
16 wholly or partially within New Mexico to include Indian  
17 nations, tribes and pueblos in the development of the  
18 comprehensive strategic plan for health.

19 E. The department shall report its findings,  
20 recommendations and goals in its biennial comprehensive  
21 strategic plan for health. The plan shall address the  
22 following areas and others that the governor and the  
23 legislature may from time to time request:

24 (1) a summary of the state's health care  
25 system that includes the financial, administrative and delivery

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1 structure in both the public and private sector;

2 (2) the state's most prevalent diseases,  
3 injuries and risk factors for physical, behavioral and oral  
4 health;

5 (3) key indicators of and barriers to health  
6 care coverage and access, with specific emphasis on reducing  
7 the number of uninsured New Mexicans;

8 (4) the role of the department, other state  
9 agencies and the private sector in identifying strategies and  
10 interventions to provide health care coverage, access and  
11 quality;

12 (5) a continuum of care model that emphasizes  
13 prevention, early intervention and health promotion and that  
14 includes primary care, acute care, specialized care, tertiary  
15 care and long-term care;

16 (6) health education, wellness, nutrition and  
17 exercise initiatives that emphasize personal health  
18 responsibility;

19 (7) workforce initiatives to identify, recruit  
20 and retain health care professionals;

21 (8) health care facility infrastructure,  
22 capacity, capitalization and financial viability in both the  
23 public and private sector;

24 (9) licensing, credentialing, oversight and  
25 tracking initiatives designed to improve health care quality

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1 and outcome measurements;

2 (10) programs, services and activities  
3 designed to address the needs of the disabled, elderly and  
4 other special-needs populations;

5 (11) anticipated demands and challenges on the  
6 health care system as the need for long-term care services  
7 increases; and

8 (12) data and information addressing key  
9 health status and system indicators, statistics, benchmarks,  
10 targets and goals for the state and comparing it nationally,  
11 regionally and to other states of similar size and  
12 demographics; provided that individually identifiable health  
13 information and other proprietary information is protected as  
14 required by state or federal law. "

15 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
16 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.